

TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

"John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."" Revelation 1:4-8

Key Points

What we need to know

Jesus is more amazing than I can imagine

What is one step I can take?

I will take 30 minutes this week in personal worship of Jesus

Background

While exiled on the island of Patmos, a rocky, desolate island in the Aegean Sea for his faith in Jesus, John receives a vision from God meant to encourage him and the early churches.

This vision gave a picture of reality in the unseen realm while also informing the church what they could anticipate in the future. A big theme in this revelation is that Jesus is victorious! He wins! And He is breaking through right now, even when it often appears that the enemy has complete control of our world and everything in it.

The Person whom John saw in his vision compelled him to fall on his face in complete submission as he recognized the King of all creation!

Revelation 1:4-20

Start talking. Find a conversation starter.

- How would you describe Jesus? Be as specific as you can.

Start thinking. Ask a question to get thinking.

- How does this passage help your understanding of Jesus?
- In what ways has your view of Jesus been too small or anemic? How does this impact your view on the world? On what is happening in our world? On what is happening in your life?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What is one step you can take this week based on this amazing vision of Jesus that John receives? Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Pray Boldly

Jesus, this passage presents an amazing picture of who you are! You are God! Thank-you that you are willing to hold your church in your hand. Help me to live with that confidence.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start the *Revelation 2* Bible Plan With Friends: <https://tinyurl.com/3bwzab92>
- Consider how you could love others by serving at Westwood or in our community.